

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Bezos, et al.)	Group Art Unit 3625
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Appl. No.	:	09/377,322)	
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Filed	:	August 19, 1999)	
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For	:	Purchase Notification Service)	
		For Assisting Users In Selecting)	
		Items From An Electronic)	
		Catalog)	
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Examiner	:	Naeem Haq)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

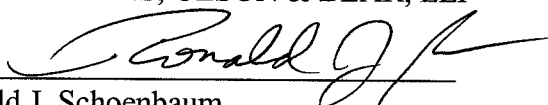
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The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance mischaracterizes the claims by stating that the "independent claims" recite "maintaining community data indicative of user memberships within specific explicit-membership communities that users explicitly join." Only independent Claim 45, and not independent Claim 53, recites this feature. The Examiner's statement additionally fails to acknowledge other distinguishing features recited in the independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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